**PROVERBS 18 WISDOM FOR EVANGELISM**

**Pro 18:1** Young Baptist brothers who do not get along with others are interested only in themselves; they will disagree with what everyone else knows is right.

Pro 18:2 A foolish Baptist youth does not care whether he understands a thing or not; all he wants to do is show how smart he is.

Pro 18:3 Sin and shame go together. Lose your honor and respect, and you will get scorn in its place.

Pro 18:4 An evangelist’s words can be a source of hopeful encouraging wisdom, deep as the ocean, fresh as a flowing stream.

Pro 18:5 It is not right to favor the guilty and keep the innocent from receiving justice.

Pro 18:6 When a foolish MAN starts an argument, he is asking for a beating.

Pro 18:7 When a foolish MAN speaks, he is ruining himself; he gets caught in the trap of his own words.

Pro 18:8 Gossip is so tasty my Baptist friend---how we love to swallow it!

Pro 18:9 A lazy young Baptist brother is as bad as someone who is destructive.

Pro 18:10 The LORD is like a strong tower, where the Godly righteous young Baptist workers can go and be safe.

Pro 18:11 Rich MEN, however, imagine that their wealth protects them like the high, strong walls around their homes.

Pro 18:12 No church planter is respected unless he is humble; arrogant MEN are on the way to failure.

Pro 18:13 In evangelism listen before you answer. If you don't, you are being stupid and insulting.

Pro 18:14 Your will to succeed can sustain you when your efforts have little results, but if you lose it, your last hope is gone.

Pro 18:15 Intelligent MEN are always eager and ready to learn.

Pro 18:16 Do you want to meet an important person? Take a gift and it will be easy.

Pro 18:17 The first person to speak in a debate always seems right until his opponent begins to question him.

Pro 18:18 If two powerful MEN are opposing each other, casting lots can settle the issue.

Pro 18:19 Help your relatives and they will protect you like a strong fence, but if you quarrel with them, they will close their doors to you.

Pro 18:20 You, young Baptist evangelist, will have to live with the consequences of everything you say.

Pro 18:21 What you say can preserve life and bring salvation or destroy it and bring hell; so you must accept the consequences of your words.

Pro 18:22 Find a deeply spiritual wife and you find a good thing; it shows that the LORD is good to you.

Pro 18:23 When poor MEN speak, they have to be polite, but when rich MEN answer, they are rude.

Pro 18:24 Some friendships do not last, but some friends are more loyal than brothers.